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Congressional Children's Study Working Group Facts

WHAT: The Congressional Children's Study Working Group is comprised of Members of Congress. Co-founded and chaired by Reps. Doris Matsui and Christopher Smith, it is a bipartisan organization. Its purpose is to be the vehicle to raise awareness of the National Children's Study (NCS), advocate for its success, and promote its accomplishments on Capitol Hill.

WHY: Given the alarming rise of diseases in the youth population of the United States, Congress has a vested interest in staying abreast of the trends and issues in the health sector as they relate to children. The Working Group will keep Members of Congress informed of the findings of the NCS and ensure that relevant information reaches interested parties and stakeholders.

DATE: The Congressional Children's Study Working Group was created on Oct. 1, 2007 and registered with the Committee on House Administration.

MEMBERSHIP: Doris Matsui (CA-05), Christopher Smith (NJ-04), Mike Arcuri (NY-24), Howard Berman (CA-28), Lois Capps (CA-23), John Conyers (MI-14), Susan Davis (CA-53), Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), Anna Eshoo (CA-14), Raul Grijalva (AZ-07), Jane Harman (CA-36), Alcee Hastings (FL-23), Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin (SD-At Large), Mike Honda (CA-15), John Lewis (GA-05), Zoe Lofgren (CA-16), Jerry McNerney (CA-11), David Price (NC-04), Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), Janice Schakowsky (IL-09), Adam Schiff (CA-29), Hilda Solis (CA-32), Ellen Tauscher (CA-10), Henry Waxman (CA-30)

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THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY: The NCS will be conducted in 105 locations across the United States. In these locations, Study teams will work with health care professionals and community leaders to enroll pregnant women in the Study. It will track 100,000 children from before birth to the age of 21, identifying and evaluating the affect of environmental factors on children's overall health.

On Oct. 4, 2007, the Study began in earnest with the announcement of the first wave of 20 Study Centers. Over the next XX months, three more waves will be announced and the Study will fully be underway. Each of the Study Centers was chosen based on written proposals through a competitive process.

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